

PLASTIC BAGS AND FILM



RETURN TO RETAILERS.

DO NOT INCLUDE IN MIXED RECYCLING BINS.

✓ **CLEAN**

✓ **DRY**

✓ **EMPTY**

BAGS AND FILM

- #2 HDPE and #4 LDPE film
- Any item with How2Recycle plastic wrap icon
- Grocery bags
- Newspaper bags
- Cereal/cracker box liners
- Dry cleaning bags
- Bread bags
- Produce bags
- Zip-type bags
- Case wrap
- Deflated air pillows
- Bubble wrap



(No hangers)

KEEP OUT

- Salad mix bags
- Pet food bags
- Degradable bags
- Chip bags
- Frozen food bags
- Resealable pouches



www.monroecounty.gov/recycling



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q | Why can't I recycle bags in my curbside bin?

A | *The equipment at the recycling center is built to sort paper and containers. Plastic bags wreak havoc on the system by wrapping around gears and clogging screens. This causes equipment down time, reducing the efficiency of recycling.*

Q | Can I put my recyclables in a plastic bag?

A | *No. For safety reasons, all bagged material that arrives at the recycling center is treated as trash. Don't let your good recycling work go to waste. Keep recyclables unbagged and loose in your recycle bin or cart.*

Q | Where can I recycle plastic bags and film?

A | *Most grocery and retail stores accept clean plastic bags and film for recycling, as well as the Monroe County/Waste Management ecopark. To find specific locations visit www.plasticfilmrecycling.org.*

Q | How do I know what type of plastic bags and wrap can be recycled at retailers?

A | *Try the rule of thumb: if you can put your thumb through the bag or wrap and it stretches, it can be included. If it doesn't stretch or it tears like paper, don't include it. Materials must also be clean and dry.*

Q | Are there exceptions to New York State's ban on plastic bags?

A | *Plastic bags are allowed in New York for uncooked meat, bulk items, sliced or prepared foods, newspapers, prescription drugs, and carryout orders at restaurants. For more details about the ban visit www.monroecounty.gov/des-plastic-bags.*

Q | Are paper bags recyclable curbside?

A | *Yes, paper bags can be recycled curbside. Residents are encouraged to bring reusable bags when shopping to reduce waste.*

MORE QUESTIONS?

Call your waste collection provider
or email mcdes@monroecounty.gov

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